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Executive Femility

August 3, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner, Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear Admiral Turner:

Shortly after the death of General William Donovan, I was encouraged by his widow to do a bronze portrait of him. Bill Donovan had been a friend for a number of years.

I have thought for some time of giving this bust to the Central Intelligence Agency. I intentionally postponed any action in this regard during my tenure as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

I would now like to make this suggestion. The bust is in Room 340 of the Old Executive Office Building. If you believe it suitable, I would be delighted for you to take custody of it on behalf of the CIA. Since both institutional and aesthetic judgments are involved, I will understand any decision which is reached.

My warm personal wishes.

Sincerely

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Acting Deputy Director for Administration 7D 24 Hqs

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Mike:

The attached correspondence is self-explanatory. Karen will phone you when we find out that the Director has signed the letter to Cherne. When you get that information will you please arrange to take possession of the bust and bring it out here. Then establish contact with John King concerning the matter. King was on leave when it came up and I used Ed Ryan. I have suggested to Ed, and he agrees, that the lobby of the auditorium might be a suitable place. Please check that out with King.

John F. Blake

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Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 7D 6011 Hqs, 24 Aug 77

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